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## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,300,000 Dollars.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.  
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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

## LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3% per annum.  
" 6 " " 4% " "  
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, 2,000,000. RESERVE FUND, 1,500,000.

## BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On Current Accounts, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

F. H. T. HINGES

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shop—WELLINGTON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## For Sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED, FOR SALE.

RODGERS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY.

WATERBURY'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY.

DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES.

TABLE GLASSWARE.

GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL.

CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.

SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation).

TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes.

ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS.

COPPER WIRE GAUZE.

SPIRIT LEVELS.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes.

INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes.

INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS DELIVERY HOSE.

LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS.

INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING.

EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

PRESENTATION BOOKS.

NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS,

by First-class Composers.

OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of

SHERRIES.

Very Fine "O. K."

BOURBON WHISKY.

CHATEAU DE FRANDS.

(A fine full flavoured

Breakfast CLARET.)

BRANDIES, GIN.

LIQUEURS.

ATES.

&c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

## FOR SALE.

EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS.

VOGEL & Co.,

Sole Agents for China.

Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at \$12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the Interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1868.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of Confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order, J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

## For Sale.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS.

LET'S DIARIES, LET'S DIARIES.

RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS.

RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS.

HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS.

French and English BOOTS and SHOES.

The New Patent LIFE VESTS.

PONY HARNESS, CHURCH'S FIREPROOF SAFES.

SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLES.

HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS.

COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS.

SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES.

FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES.

CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c.

PARTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS.

BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES.

DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS.

DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted.

AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS.

SHORT SNIDERS with SWORD BAYONETS.

BASS'S ALE.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER.

Bass in Hhds., SACCO'S SHERRIES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th March, 1879, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 10th March to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, J. BRADLEE SMITH,

General Agent.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. ma24

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STEELING (21 Stg.) per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO o'clock in the Afternoon of MONDAY, the 24th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

## NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the Coast Ports that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN A DRAPERY and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUIT, RICE, RAISINS, SUGAR, WATER.

SOFT BREAD, FRESH BEEF, FRESH VEGETABLES, TEA.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

40, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, February 20, 1879. ma20

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th Inst., at 11 a.m., at the Praya Premises of Messrs. McEwen, Frickel & Co.,

A quantity of GOODS, consisting of Oilman's Stores, Provisions, Rope, Canvas, Wire Rope, Glassware, Crockery, Tin and Hollow-ware, Brass and Iron Screws, Iron and Copper Nails.

Tobacco, Ground Coffee, Lamps, etc. (To close Consignments).

250 cases Old Tom.

81 casks quarts Bass's Ale, bottled by Cameron and Saunders.

6 cases Lea & Perrins Worcestershire Sauce.

7 cases Morton Confectionery.

50 cases \* Brandy.

20 cases \*\* Brandy.

10 cases \*\*\* Brandy.

50 cases La Grande Marque Brandy.

11 cases Moselle.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All faults and errors of description to be at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879. fe24

HORSE AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will hold an Auction of HORSES and CARRIAGES, on

MONDAY,

the 24th Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., at THE FOUNTAIN,

Opposite the City Hall (granted by kind permission of the Captain Superintendent of Police.)

Instructions to sell will be received up to Noon of MONDAY, when the last Express will be circulated.

Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879. fe24

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of THE CLUB LUSITANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises,—

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 125, measuring about 6,406 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUSITANO THEATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. mal

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

A Private Collection of CHOICE and VALUABLE CURIOS, comprising:—

Bronzes, Vases, Lacquered Ware, Enamelled Bronzes, China Ware, Scap.

stone Ornaments, Jade-stone Carvings.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

AUCTION OF RARE AND VALUABLE BOOKS, FROM BERNARD QUARTON, LONDON.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 24th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of RARE and VALUABLE BOOKS.

Catalogues can be had by applying to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 18, 1879. fe24

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.



## Halls.

U. S. MAIL LINE.  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF  
PEKING will be despatched for San  
Francisco, via Yokohama, on MONDAY,  
the 24th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking  
Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the  
United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to all  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.  
On Through PASSAGES TO EUROPE,  
a REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT from Regular Rates is granted to  
OFFICERS of the ARMY AND NAVY,  
and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and  
CONSULAR SERVICES in COMMISS-  
ION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. of 23rd Instant. Parcel Packages  
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day; all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, February 14, 1879. fe24



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON;

ALSO  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
HAWAII, Captain J. O. BAKER, will leave  
this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at  
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1879. mal

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES.

AND  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on or about the 15th day of March, 1879,  
at 8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.  
For further information as to Freight  
and Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 97, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mrl5

Volume Seventh of the  
"CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.  
No. 8.—Vol. VII.

OF THE  
"CHINA REVIEW"

CONTAINS—

Sketches from the Dawn of  
History.

Coins of the "Ta-Tsing" Dynasty.  
The Official Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.  
The Ballads of the Sh'ing.  
Translations of Chinese School-books.  
Tone and Vocal Modification in the  
Fookchow Dialect.

Legislation and Law in Ancient China.  
A Plan for "Fen-kai."  
Short Notices of New Books and Literary  
Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—  
Taxes on Industries in Canton.  
A Bit of Folk-lore about Candles,  
Lamps and Fire.  
Legends on Chinese Porcelain.  
Tame Birds.

To make a Tul (Antithesis).  
"Respect This."  
The Army of Kwangtung.  
Gusta Percha in China.  
Chinese Dialects.

"Confucius Looking at Horis in the  
Desert."

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.  
China Mail Office,  
Hongkong, January 21, 1879.

## Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN BARK "EXCELSIOR,"  
Captain KLOCK,  
FROM HAMBURG.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived,  
Consignees of Cargo by her are re-  
quested to send in their Bills of Lading to the  
Undersigned for countersignature, and  
to take immediate delivery of their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge of the  
Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-  
signees' risk and expense.

SIEMSEN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

S. S. DJEMNAH.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.  
Gange, from London, in connec-  
tion with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-  
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before To-day, the 21st Instant,  
at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Fri-  
day, the 28th Instant, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Ex "Ada."

RUS No. 111, Order, 1 case Drapery,  
from London.

A M E (in diamond) A M C (underneath)  
No. 8/9, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery,  
from London.

H J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge  
Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from  
London.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

For Sale.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I  
and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal  
8vo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL,  
Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS  
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD  
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs  
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL Office.

HONG LISTS.

Circular, large sheet.

THE AMENDED HONG LIST,  
in English and Chinese, con-  
taining the Names of all the most  
important Companies, Institutions  
and Mercantile Houses in the  
Colony.

Price, 25 cents each; or \$2.50  
per dozen.

At the "China Mail" Office.

Insurances.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premiums contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH,  
General Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## NOTICES.

SWISS LLOYD  
TRANSPORT-INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, have  
This Day taken over charge of the Hong-  
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant  
INSURANCE on MARINE RISKS at Current  
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to Grant  
Policies against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared to  
grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Saidon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £ 100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000  
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Fookchow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1869.

## Notices of Firms.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX  
Assumes the Management of the  
Company's Agency at this Port.

L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on  
the 31st December last.

Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is  
admitted a Partner with this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD  
BURNIE to an Interest in my Busi-  
ness of MARINE SURVEYOR.

R. H. CAIRNS.

Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

## NOTICE.

MR EZEKIEL ABRAHAM SOLO-  
MON has been admitted a Partner  
in our Firm at this Port and in China,  
from 1st January, 1879.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1879. fe24

## NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED myself as  
a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c.,  
at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of  
"J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.

Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the  
Undersigned in the Chinese Mail,  
華字日報 (Wah Tze Yat Po),  
CEASED on the 1st August, 1877, but  
Debts prior to that Date will be received  
and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-  
signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail  
from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged  
the services of Mr LEONG YONG CHUN,  
as Translator and General Manager of the  
newspaper, which under its new régime  
will be found to be, as hitherto, an ex-  
cellent medium for advertising, especially  
as the Manager is able to devote his whole  
attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM.

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## TO LET.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.  
THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-  
HOUSES, OFFICES and  
GODOWNS,  
Recently occupied by Messrs W. POSTAU  
& Co.

Apply to  
LINSTED & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable  
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also  
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.  
Possession 1st March next.

Apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession  
1st February.

HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the  
whole House or in Flats, with possession  
of the 1st April next.

As also,  
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the  
Dwelling to the eastward of the Pier,  
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-  
diate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,  
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchoi,  
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,  
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close  
to the Wanchoi Pier. Timber received on  
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED  
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,  
Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GO-  
DOWNS, Nos. 64 and 60,  
Praya Central.

Apply to  
WO HANG,  
Nos. 6 and 7, Praya West.

Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS  
STORAGE.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at  
Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS  
GODOWNS, under European supervision;  
and VESSELS Discharged-alongside the  
Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick  
despatch.

MEYER & Co.,  
Proprietors.

Hongkong, November 29, 1878. my29

THE FOLKLORE OF CHINA;  
BY  
N. B. DENNY, Ph.D.

THE following are selected from nume-  
rous notices which have appeared in the  
London, Continental and Eastern  
papers:—

Dr. Denny has done good service in  
bringing together and presenting in read-  
able form the hitherto scattered contribu-  
tions to Chinese Folklore—*Times*.

A very important addition to Folklore  
literature—*Athenaeum*.

The book is entertaining and adds a good  
deal to the facts of comparative mythology  
—*Full Mail Budget*.

A worthy pendant to Archdeacon Gray's  
valuable volumes—*Graphic*.

A very amusing and very instructive  
book—*Spectator*.

Adds useful testimony to curious inform-  
ation—*Ill. London News*.

Full of curious interest to the general  
reader and of valuable material for the  
ethnological philosopher—*British Quarterly  
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We are indebted to Dr. Denny for a  
welcome addition to all existing stores of  
popular superstitions—*John Bull*.

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to a large extent *ex genereis*—*Globe*.

An interesting and important work.  
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CELEBRATED OILMEN'S STORES.

Nine Prize Medals, Paris, Vienna and Philadelphia.

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JAMS AND JELLIES,  
ORANGE MARMALADE,  
TART FRUITS, DESSERT FRUITS,  
PURE SALAD OIL,  
MUSTARD, VINEGAR,  
POTTED MEATS AND FISH,  
FRESH SALMON AND HERRINGS,  
HERRINGS A LA SARDINE,  
YARMOUTH BLOATERS,  
BLACKWALL WHITEBAIT,  
PREPARED SOUPS, IN TINS,  
PRESERVED VEGETABLES,  
HAMS AND BACON, IN TINS,  
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To prevent the fraud of refilling the bottles or jars they should invariably be destroyed when empty. Goods should always be examined upon delivery, to detect any attempt at substitution of articles of inferior brands.

All genuine goods bear the names of Crosse & Blackwell on the Labels, Corks and Capsules of the Bottles, Jars and Tins.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL,  
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Long experience has proved these famous remedies to be the most efficacious in curing either the dangerous malady of the liver or the slighter complaints which are more particularly incidental to the life of a man, or to those living in the East.

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PREPARED EXPRESSLY FOR THE PATENT KNIFE CLEANING MACHINES, INDIA RUBBER AND BUFF LEATHER KNIFE BOARDS. KNIVES CONSTANTLY CLEANED WITH IT HAVE A BRILLIANT POLISH EQUAL TO NEW CUTLERY. PACKETS 30, EACH; AND TINS, 60, 120, 240 AND 360 EACH.

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PREVENT FRICTION IN CLEANING AND INJURY TO THE KNIFE. OAKLEY'S WELLINGTON KNIFE POLISH SHOULD BE USED WITH HIS BOARDS.

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FOR CLEANING AND POLISHING SILVER, ELECTRO-PLATE, PLATE GLASS, &c. TABLETS 60, EACH.

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This new goal is, we presume, to be erected on the "pavilion principle," which the late Secretary of State, in one of his despatches to the Straits authorities, declared was "alone suited to the requirements of prison accommodation in tropical climates." Whether or not we shall have to erect one of these costly "pavilions" for the accommodation of our prisoners in this Colony is still an open question. The Secretary of State has objected here, as he did at Singapore, to the proposals submitted for utilising existing sites or buildings. Our friends in the Straits have already grumblingly set to work on the construction of a new building on a new site, but we are inclined to believe the opposition here to the Secretary of State's proposals for prison accommodation is considerably stronger and more pronounced than it has been in Singapore, and that if we have to erect a new and elaborate "pavilion" for our criminals, the laying of the foundation stone will be attended with a considerable amount of solemnity and general disagreement.

One of Lord Carnarvon's new goals at Cannanore, on the model of which the Singapore prison is to be constructed, while it may have proved extremely comfortable to the scoundrels confined within its walls, does not appear to have effected much improvement in prison discipline. The latest Indian papers received contain particulars of a serious outbreak among the prisoners in this model establishment. A reduction in their diet, and, we imagine, exuberant spirits consequent upon confinement in the palatial structure, with unutilised airing spaces and exercise grounds, set these 'fortunate convicts' in open insubordination. They amused themselves for some time in pelting the officers of the goal with stones, and the building was so excellently constructed that three or four hundred of the convicts were able to get together within a very short space of time, and drive the wardens and others into the central building of the goal. It was not until the Governor had been struck in the eye by a large stone, and the prisoners had been fired into, one of them being killed and six wounded, that order was again restored.

Instead of improving the accommodation for prisoners here, the recently published criminal statistics point to the desirability of steps being taken to increase the discomfort and punishment of the criminals in our prison. An increase of over seventy-five per cent in serious crime in two years is a grave fact, unparalleled in the history of this Colony. It is useless, in the face of such statistics as these, for His Excellency to compare the numbers of prisoners now in the goal with those there in previous years. There cannot be the shadow of a doubt that, with an increase in serious crime of 32 per cent since 1877, and 75 per cent since 1876, if our goal is not crammed, it ought to be. Fortunately the burglary scare has now nearly subsided; owing mainly no doubt to the increased vigilance of the Police, but certainly the Colony has passed through a year of terrorism—of burglaries, murders, fires and other catastrophes—which, if continued for another year, would render residence on the Island absolutely unbearable for others than members of the sterner sex, who could calmly contemplate being called upon occasionally to defend their lives and property at the risk of their own existences.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "CHINA MAIL."]  
(Per E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

LONDON, 19th February, 1879.

A Home Rule Candidate has been elected for Cork by a large majority in the room of the deceased Member.

Lord Napier of Magdala has been summoned home.

Sir Charles Dilke has given notice of a resolution condemning the Zulu war.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The services at Union Church to-morrow will be conducted by the Rev. J. C. Edge.

Jurors summoned for the Criminal Sessions are reminded that they must be in attendance at the Supreme Court on Monday, the 24th instant, at 10 a.m.

We are informed that the O. S. S. Company's steamer *Prism*, from Liverpool, left Singapore this morning (22nd), and that the Co.'s steamer *Diomed* will leave on the 25th inst., for this port.

The Malay seamen charged with being concerned in the mutiny and murder on board the British barque *Kate Waters* were brought before Mr. O'Leary this afternoon, and the case was formally remanded till Thursday, the 27th instant.

To-day being the anniversary of Washington's birthday the harbour was gay with bunting, the stars and stripes of course predominating. Salutes were fired at noon, and the British and French ships of war, in addition to the U. S. S. *Albatross* and the big P. M. S. S. *City of Peking*, were dressed for the occasion. George Washington was born in 1732.

The Hon. W. H. Marsh, who arrived here by the French mail yesterday, was seen

in as Colonial Secretary of this Colony at a meeting of Executive Council to-day. It is understood that H. E. the Governor purposes taking a trip shortly to the North, Peking and Japan, during which time we presume Mr. Marsh will administer the government.

Spree of the very festive campaign just concluded, pleasure-seekers will be glad to observe that the wonderful Japanese performers will give another entertainment on Tuesday evening next. The Sisters May and Eva take their benefit on this occasion, and we feel certain they will be well supported. They will pay a short visit to Macao during next week.

Colonel H. S. Loring, who was relieved of his charge of the U. S. Consulate here by the arrival of Colonel Mosely, left by the French mail for Europe to-day. The Colonel has had considerable experience of Hongkong, first under Consul Bailey and subsequently as acting Consul; and it is noteworthy that the business of the Consulate has been well carried out under his regime. He was the "gallant soldier" referred to by the Chief Justice in a judgment delivered in the Supreme Court, but it must be admitted that, from an American point of view, the diplomatic battle fought over the case in which that allusion was made was conducted by Mr. Loring with no small tact and ability. H. E. the Governor sent his steam-launch to convey the late Consul on board the *Yang-tse*.

We are glad to hear it rumoured that our efficient Surveyor General (Mr. Price) has determined to postpone his departure for England for the present. In view of the large amount of important work which ere long must fall upon this department, it is very gratifying to know that the present head of the department will remain to see it thoroughly carried out. Were Mr. Price to resolve upon taking his well-earned leave of absence now, it is difficult to see how the unusually heavy duties of the department could be well carried on in his absence. It is probably one of the penalties of being a specially able public servant, to have his leave rendered next to an impossibility; and it may look ungenerous to begrudge Mr. Price a rest; but we shall congratulate the Colony nevertheless if he does not go home at the present time.

We are requested to remind intending competitors at the forthcoming Amateur Civilian Athletic Sports that entries close on Monday next, except for officers of the 27th Regiment, officers of H. M. S. *Vigilant* and other men-of-war that may arrive between this and the day of the Sports, and except in the case of the International Tug of War. His Excellency the Governor has consented to patronize the Sports, and presents a prize for one of the events. We are informed that Mrs. Hennessy has also kindly undertaken to collect a Ladies' Purse as prize for the International Tug of War, and will present it in person to the successful team. It is probable that no fewer than five nationalities will compete for this prize, and much doubt exists as to which nation will muster the strongest team. His Excellency the Major-General Commanding adds his patronage to that of the Governor, and, judging from the number of competitors who have already entered their names for the different events, there is every probability of a successful meeting. A little rain is sadly wanted to soften the Course, but in other respects the weather is all that can be desired. We hope to publish a list of the rules affecting the different events in a day or two, and we may take this opportunity to remind those interested that a list of events lies on the table at Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co.'s for the information of any one wishing to compete.

The next Entertainment will take place at the Temperance Hall, Stanley Street, on Monday evening next, commencing at 8 o'clock. The following is the programme:—

- PART I.  
1.—Pianoforte Solo  
2.—Song, "You and I."  
3.—Recitation, "Eugene Aram's Dream."  
4.—Song, "The Ship's Visit to England."  
5.—Pianoforte Duo  
6.—Four part Song, "See our Oars."  
7.—Violin Solo  
8.—Four part Song, "The Sleep of the Flowers."

- PART II.  
1.—Opening Chorus  
2.—Song, "Nelly Ray."  
3.—Comic Song, "Fanny Frail."  
4.—Song, "Sweet Evening."  
5.—Duet Solo  
6.—Comic Song, "A Little More Older."  
7.—Song, "Jock at the Gate."  
8.—Comic Song, "The Black Brigade."

The following is the order of Service at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, Shrove Sunday, 23rd February, 1879:—

Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon, at 11—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Frenches, The Rev. J. Henderson; First Lesson, Genesis, 2. to v. 20; Second Lesson, Mark, 1. to v. 21; Verses, No. 6.

Monk; Psalms, Nos. 125 and 126; Monk; To Deum, Unselly in D.; Benedicite, No. 112; Monk; Anthem, "O give thanks unto the Lord," No. 86; Hymn, "Lord of our life," No. 214.  
Evening Prayer and Sermon, at 4—Reader, The Colonial Chaplain; Frenches, Genesis, xix.; Second Lesson, Romans vii.; Psalms, No. 131, page 131; Monk; Cantate Domino, No. 134; Monk; Deum Misereatur, No. 82; Monk; First Hymn, "A few more years shall roll," No. 238; Second Hymn, "Glory to Thee, my God, this night," No. 23.

We understand that "General"—his real rank is that of Colonel, translated by Dr. Williams "Brigadier-General"—Meeny, formerly employed in Chinese military service in the province of Kwei-chow, is now staying at Amoy, and that he has been received by the local officials, who have also returned his calls. On the occasion of his visit to the Teetee, we hear that Mr. Meeny was his red button on the top of a foreign hat, and further appeared in Chinese official boots. The return visits paid to him by the Teetee and Haining are facts worthy of being placed on record. We must add an expression of opinion that the red button might more appropriately have adorned a native hat. The Chinese official boots may be allowed to pass.—*Poochow Herald*.

## CHINESE NOTES.

One of the most unhappy characters in the Chinese language is *diff*. In various dialects it is, or should be, pronounced *k'ih*, *hat*, *chi*, *hai*, *hik*, &c. &c. The Cantonese however persist in calling it *heng*, and the Fookienese *heng*. Not content with this, the Cantonese say that it means a "with," whereas "the books" say that it means "a wizard" as contradistinguished from "a with." "Which" is it? We give it up.

One of the writers in the Shanghai papers, discussing the word *po*, "glass," lays stress upon the first half of the word being pronounced *po*, and not *po*. We may take this opportunity of informing this writer, and Chinese students generally, that the whole class 玻, 坡, &c. is very irregular. Some dialects have the aspirate in all three; some in only one or two, and others in none of the three.

The able translator of the Peking Gazette in the N. C. Herald should be more careful in his spelling. If he attempts to abandon Sir Thomas Wade's *He* and *Ch*, he must mind (not his *p*'s and *q*'s) but his *h*, *h*, *h*, and *h*. *K'in* in *he* spells *Tsinglin*, *Hilin* he spells *Silin*, together with *alt* innumerable, which "jar upon the eye."

Mr. St. John thus describes some of the Egyptian superstitions: "The more prominent of these is the belief in *Jinn*. The *Jinn* are said to be . . . a class of beings intermediate between angels and men, . . . capable of assuming the forms . . . of men, brutes, and monsters, and of rendering themselves invisible at pleasure. . . . It is a common custom . . . in pouring water on the ground . . . to ask the permission or crave the pardon of any *Jinn* that may chance to be there. . . . They are also believed to inhabit wells, ruined houses, rivers, and ovens. . . . The evil *Jinn* are commonly called *Efrits*. . . . They are generally believed to differ from the other *Jinn* in being very powerful, and always malicious; but to be, in other respects, of a similar nature. . . . *Jinn* are believed to assume, or perpetually to wear, the shapes of cats, dogs and other brute animals. Now all this is very interesting and points to a comparison with a similar code of ideas existing amongst the Chinese. The *Shin Jih* would represent the *Jinn*, and the *Kwei* the *Efrits*. The Chinese also believe that foxes, cats, and such-like animals have enshrined somewhere within them certain malicious spirits.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

WANTED.—RETURNS.  
To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1879.  
Sir,—As the Hon. Mr. Lowcock is desirous of knowing, and has asked for information in his place at the Council table regarding deportation cases, I desire to "put in my oar" in a search after my *nom de plume*. In official matters, Truth ought always to be courted—openness is a cardinal virtue of government. I therefore ask, from my proud position in this community (where I am highly valued), that an official return of the sentence passed upon every criminal in this Colony during the past twelve months, with a table showing in each case the period actually served and the period remitted. Such a return would enable residents here and the Colonial Office authorities to form their own conclusions on the wisdom or otherwise of the present administration and of the policy now adopted by Mr. Hennessy in dealing with our steadily-increasing criminal classes. If the result shows that His Excellency the Governor has studiously refrained from undue interference with the sentences of the Court, then this is a piece of knowledge with which the community ought to be apprised, for Mr. Hennessy's sake and in the interests of

## TRUTH.

Police Intelligence.  
(Before U. V. Creagh, Esq.)  
Feb. 22, 1879.

A STRANGE CASE.  
Ball Singh (P. O. No. 625), was charged with misconduct as a police constable, and further with wilfully damaging his uniform. Acting Chief Inspector Grey stated, that the defendant was on duty from 2 to 8 a.m. at Garden Road, Albany Road, and College Garden Road, this morning. Shortly after 6 a.m., witness was called by Sergeant

Grant, and from what he then heard he went to the charge room, where he saw the Captain Superintendent, and by his directions went to the Albany with a party of police. On going up the Albany Road, witness noticed two of the lamps were open and extinguished. The lamps could be easily reached from the top of the wall. At the top of the road witness saw the defendant and another Indian constable No. 541; defendant had no pugger on. Witness asked what was the matter, and the defendant showed several tears and cuts in his clothes; his great-coat was out in the breast, elbow and over the groin. Defendant said he had been attacked by five robbers, and that two of the cuts in his great-coat had been caused by spear thrusts, and the one on the elbow by a knife. Defendant then took witness to Garden Road, and pointed out a gas lamp which had been extinguished, saying that he had exchanged shots with the robbers, who then attacked him with spears and swords, and knocked his turban off with a bamboo. P. O. Jones was sent to look for and found the turban this morning.

Sergeant Toomey stated, that he had met Inspector Grey at Garden Road this morning about 10 minutes past 4 o'clock, and had interpreted for the Inspector and the defendant. The defendant had said, he was going down the Garden Road when he saw two men on one side and three on the other. The lamp was out. That when the men saw him one of them called out "ta-mo-lo-kwei" and thrust at him two or three times with a spear, which cut his coat in two places on the breast and arm. That when he returned to the Albany after the attack he had seen some lamps out on the Upper Road. Defendant also said that one of the five men had fired at him, and that he had returned the compliment.

Aryan Singh (P. O. No. 567) stated, that at about 8 a.m. to-day he was on duty, and heard several shots fired in the direction of the Garden Road and at once went to the place. He there saw the defendant lying at the side of the road groaning, and raised him up. Witness asked him what was the matter, and defendant replied that he had been attacked by robbers. Witness saw the cuts in defendant's clothes, but could find no wounds on any part of his body. Witness then went to the Station and made a report.

Defendant said he did not wish to make any defence, but asked His Worship to commit the case for trial at the Supreme Court, and he would there make his defence. Afterwards he said, "I was on duty at Garden Road and saw some of the robbers turning off the gaslight; they fired at me and I also fired at them. They then came too near and attacked me with their spears and knives, and I was knocked down. I do not know why they should wish to turn down the gas at Garden Road."

His Worship remanded the case for one week in order to allow the state of the man's mind to be ascertained.

THE POOR INNOCENT CHAIR-COOLES.  
Thomas Ryan, (clerk to Messrs T. Anthony & Co.) was summoned or assaulting one Chan Ayan, a chair cooler. Licensed chair cooler No. 305 said, that the defendant was in the habit of using his chair. On Saturday last defendant engaged his chair at 10 a.m., and he carried him to Aberdeen. He remained at Aberdeen and returned the following day. Defendant had promised to pay \$2.50. When defendant was asked for payment he refused and attempted to assault him (complainant). Defendant did not assault him (corrected). Defendant kicked witness on the back when he went to ask for payment. There were no marks, he only felt sore. In reply to defendant's statement said, "I did not carry you to Aberdeen. You engaged my chair, and your friend used it."

Defendant said that complainant went to the store yesterday and wanted him to pay for the chair. Defendant denied having engaged complainant's chair, saying that he had engaged No. 621. Defendant denied the assault and called the store boy as a witness, who corroborated defendant's statement.

His Worship dismissed the case.

STRAGGLER.  
Phillip Howard, clerk U. S. S. *Albatross*, admitted being a straggler from his ship, and was ordered to be sent on board.

LARCENY AT THE FIRE.  
Abdoolah, a gun lascar, No. 438, was sent to six months' hard labour for stealing 1 umbrella, 3 singlets, 1 table cloth, 2 pieces silk, 1 pair braces, 2 silk scarves and 2 handkerchiefs, the property of Mr. de Silva, from his house on the night of the late fire at Spring Gardens.

## China.

SHANGHAI.  
(News.)

The financial reforms now being carried out by Mr. Tong King-sing in connection with the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, are, we hear, already beginning to bear fruit. A considerable number of employees at the Outposts, &c., have been dismissed, and arrangements made for carrying on the business in a more satisfactory and less wasteful and extravagant manner. We are credibly informed that the sums in salaries and other expenses already lopped off, amount to about Tls. 70,000 per annum, and that further savings are in prospect. Mr. Tong King-sing seems determined to apply the broom with no sparing hand, and, according to all accounts, not before it was time, for peculation was found to be rife in many quarters. The work of thorough reorganisation will occupy some time longer, for it is intended to place the Company on a much firmer footing than that on which it has hitherto stood. The agency of the Company is, we hear, to be confided to Mr. G. A. Butler, who will be assisted by three native gentlemen of well-known ability, who have held confidential positions in the Company's Office at this port.

## CHINA.

Our correspondent writes that a German vessel, the *Albatross*, while on passage from Swatow, was wrecked somewhere on the S.E. Promontory during a snowstorm on Christmas day. It was said the ship had been boarded by natives and plundered, the crew being driven off. Further enquiry, however, shows that only a few private effects of the Captain and one or two trifling articles were stolen, and these have since been restored. The Captain complains that the natives did not give him all the assistance they might have done; but beyond this nothing appears to have happened. We have had a fearful rough and cold night, and in about a week no less than three

wrecks were reported round about here. Chinese New Year's day, the 22nd ult., was so rough that almost every ship in harbour had had times to hold their own, and there was a scramble between two or three as to which should hit the shore first. Fortunately the only ship that parted her cable was the German brig *Rebecca*, and she "fetched up" just under Tower Hill; a little westward of the house that may be known as the Chefoo Convention house, i.e., the one occupied by Sir T. Wade in 1876. She was nearly loaded with benches for Amoy. The men were got on shore slung on ropes leading from the masts. Some other vessels, though they dragged their anchors more or less, met with no serious accident. The wreck of the *Rebecca* was sold for about \$1,600, and the cargo for a similar sum, and the spars, &c. separately realized a very fair amount.

Then we heard of the wreck of the German brig *Condor*, about 15 miles to the west, in the bay into which the Lushan river flows; and the German barque *Rosa Böttcher*, somewhere in the neighbourhood of the Promontory.

The *Condor* realized at auction some 5,000 odd dollars for ship and cargo, and the *Rosa Böttcher* was sold for some \$3,000 odd, with cargo.

The *Condor's* men suffered terribly, all being more or less frostbitten. One poor fellow, the second mate, jumped overboard to get on shore, after the ship grounded; but was a corpse when he came to the surface of the water. The others eventually reached the beach by boat, and took possession of a hut they found unoccupied close by. A Japanese boy was frozen to death while lying down to sleep there. The Chinese in the neighbourhood are said to have treated them kindly. The Captain has died since he was brought into the Settlement, and the rest of the crew are all in hospital.

We were enabled this winter, by taking a little trouble in the matter, to obtain a sheet of ice near the Settlement suitable for skating, and many of the residents have made the most of the opportunity to indulge in this pleasant exercise.

As usual at this time of the year, everything is quiet with the exception of crackers, dragons, gongs, cymbals, and other native musical instruments.

The Customs' Courier Service between you and this can scarcely be considered a success, judging from this season's experience. Some of our friends in the Customs house had the pleasure of waiting about a fortnight for their mails, &c., after the majority of the residents had received theirs by the *Ping On*, on a trip near Xmas-time. Even now there are letters, &c., expected which are supposed to have started from Shanghai some three weeks or more ago.

The *Havilah* arrived yesterday, after a rather long passage of thirteen days. Would not this be a better way, in the absence of steamers, of sending letters, than overland?—*N. C. D. News*.

## The Straits.

(Singapore Daily Times.)

Captain Barrow of the *Vidar* reports that he had learned from the Bugis at Brok that the British schooner *Laura Gertrude* had been lost in Beri Berahat Island off the east coast of Borneo, in Lat. 0-45 N. Long. 118-20. The men and crew were seen in a raft going to Saikanan, but the fate of Capt. Hadley is not known, but fears were entertained that he had been drowned.

The Hon.ble Colonel A. E. H. Anson will be sworn in as Administrator of the Government of the Straits Settlements on Monday next, in the Council Chamber, with the usual formalities.

His Excellency Sir W. C. F. Robinson, Lady Robinson and their daughters, left by the P. & O. steamer *Pekin* for Europe. H. H. the Maharajah of Johore, the heads of departments, unofficial members of Council, the various Consuls and a sprinkling of Chinese and Malays were present at the P. & O. Wharf, to bid farewell to His Excellency and Lady Robinson. We have reason to believe that His Excellency will exert his utmost influence at home to endeavour to obtain another governorship, as he is not particularly enamoured of the Straits Settlements.

We observe that the construction of a new fort has been commenced on Mount Palmer, near Tanjong Pagar, under the superintendence and from the designs of Lieutenant McCallum, Royal Engineers, who is well known here as the able and energetic Private Secretary who attended our late Governor, Sir William Jervois, throughout the most stirring period to be found in the history of these settlements. Hundreds of coolies are at work; deep trenches are being cut in all directions, materials are being brought to the spot, and the whole scene is one of the greatest activity promising a speedy completion of the work. The thing that is, from cursory inspection, most striking to us, is the marked contrast between the fort of the past and that of the present. The new work occupies part of the summit of the hill facing the entrance of the Harbour; old Fort Palmer stands on a terrace on the side of the hill looking towards the Roadstead. Both are intended for the same number of guns, yet the former has a frontage of about 150 yards, whilst the latter, with its obsolete smooth bore ordnance and solitary diminutive magazine is not more than 30 yards long and 15 yards wide. As our readers may therefore surmise, a heavy armament has been sent out for our defence, the parapets will be strong and calculated to resist the most approved projectiles; and the covering masses between the guns—or traverses as they are called—will be of imposing dimensions and will contain adequate accommodation for the magazine service of the guns. The remaining portion of Mount Palmer is to be used for the reclamation of Teluk Ayer Bay, an undertaking which has long been talked of and which will be of material benefit to Singapore.

## THE FAILURE OF OLYPHANT AND CO., OF NEW YORK AND CHINA.

A New York Journal reports as follows:—The assignment of the old established house of Olyphant and Co. was lately announced, and caused much excitement. The suspension was freely discussed by business men, and the real cause of the failure was ascribed to the changed conditions of the China and general Eastern trade in the last few years. The firm of Olyphant and Co. was established in 1827 by David W. C. Olyphant and Charles N. Talbot. For many years the business was confined exclusively to dealing in Chinese silks, mats, and tea. It was one of the earliest firms in the China trade, having its principal depot at Canton, then the only Chinese port open to foreigners. The firm afterwards established branch houses

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at Hong Kong and Shanghai, and engaged largely in the Australian and New Zealand business.

A new association, at the head of which was Robert M. Olyphant, now vice-president of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, succeeded the old firm, whose founder had retired. By its large business this firm was known for many years in almost every part of the world. The retirement of Robert M. Olyphant on account of the division of the China trade again changed the firm. The present company began several years ago to trade on its own account, in addition to its commission business. In this enterprise it prospered, and at one time was rated as having a capital of \$1,000,000. The firm extended its business to South America, and began the importation from Peru of nitrate of soda. It was brought into intimate relations with the Peruvian Government, which enjoys a monopoly in the production of the nitrate. A consequence of this intimacy, a contract was made between them, about eighteen months ago, for the importation into Peru of Chinese coolies. The protection of the coolies was guaranteed by the Government of Peru. Olyphant and Co. at once made extensive preparations toward the fulfilment of its part of the contract. Several steamships were chartered and fitted up for the business. But the scheme failed, owing to the opposition of the Chinese and British Governments. The losses entailed on the firm by this failure are said to be large, the cause of the present suspension.

The assignment is made to Henry M. Olmstead, a retired merchant residing at Morristown, N.J. The members of the firm are William W. Parkin, George W. Talbot, Robert Seymour Leary and Talbot Olyphant of this city; Tobias Kim, of Belfast, Ireland, and John F. Seaman, of Newburgh, N.Y. Kim and Seaman were the China managers, and still hold their positions there. William W. Parkin made an assignment of his individual property to Henry Rogers, and he removed from his house, No. 49 Fifth Ave. Several classes of creditors are made by the assignment, preference being given in the order in which they are named; 1. the first-class are Drexel, Morgan and Co., who are to receive from the assets, in advance of all other creditors, payment for claims they may have secured by collateral of other property in their possession. The Government of Peru is the second preferred creditor. The amounts in both cases are not given. Twelve notes are next preferred as follows:—Two notes made by Harvey D. Winery, indorsed by Olyphant and Co., and now held by Forbes, Forbes and Co. of London—one for \$8,000, the other for \$8,250 40 gold; four promissory notes made by Olyphant and Co., and discounted by Henry M. Taber—one for \$7,500, one for \$7,500, one for \$9,000, due Feb. 7, 1879; one for \$6,250, due Feb. 12, 1879; one for \$6,250, due March 4, 1879; a note of Olyphant and Co. for \$10,000, indorsed by Charles Frazier and discounted by the Second National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, due Dec. 10, 1878; four notes made by William H. Wisner, indorsed by Olyphant and Co. and discounted by the National Bank of the Republic, of this city—all due this month, and amounting to \$16,000; a note for \$6,500, made Aug. 19, by Olyphant and Co. to D. Leydig Saydam, due Dec. 22, 1878. The last debts preferred are on drafts drawn by H. Atkinson of Lima, Peru, as follows:—On A. Ray, due Jan. 9, 1879, for \$2,500; Leudewig and Co., due Jan. 16, 1879, for \$13,000; Lauman, Kemp and Co., due Feb. 7, 1879, for \$2,500; Rollins and Appleton, due Feb. 8, 1879, for \$125 15s. 5d.; Colgate and Co., due Feb. 10, 1879, for \$787 31; Fraick, Murphy and Co., due Feb. 10, 1879, for \$1,243 15; Prevost and Co., due Feb. 22, 1879, for \$2,900. The amount due on the notes and drafts whose payment is preferred is \$105,000. The greater part of this sum falls due this month and next. The total liabilities and assets of the firm will not be known until reports are received from China, Australia, New Zealand and Peru, where the firm has branches or correspondents.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 22, 1879.  
OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$57 1/2; credit, —; Old Patna, cash, —; credit, —; New Benares, cash, 54 1/2; credit, —; Old Benares, cash, —; credit, —; New Malwa, cash, 810; credit, —; Allowance Teals, —; Old Malwa, cash, —; credit, 810; Allowance Teals, —.

## Exchange.

Bank, Wire, . . . . . 3/6  
80 days' sight, . . . . . 3/6  
6 months' sight, . . . . . 3/7  
Credit, . . . . . 3/7  
Documentary, 6 months' sight, 3/7  
Cal. & Bombay, Wire, Rupees, 21 1/2  
" demand, . . . . . 220  
Shanghai, demand, . . . . . 72 1/2  
80 days' sight, . . . . . 73  
Bar Silver, 17 dwts. 2, . . . . . 10 1/2  
Sycee, . . . . . 10 1/2  
Mexicans, . . . . . 2 1/2  
Gold Leaf, 99 1/2 touch, . . . . . 28 50  
Sovereigns, . . . . . 5 50

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 4 1/2 prem.  
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,600  
China Traders Ins. Co., \$1,600  
Yantai Ins. Assoc., \$1,700  
Chinese Insurance Co., \$300  
North China Ins. Co., \$1,325  
H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$820  
China Fire Ins. Co., \$810  
H.K. & W. Dock Co., 5 per cent. div.  
H.K. & M. S. Boat Co., \$7 div.  
Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tls. 18  
China Coast S. Nav. Co., Tls. 104  
Hongkong Gas Co., \$85  
Hongkong Hotel Co., \$65  
China Sugar Refining Co., \$138  
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$112  
Do, of 1877, 2113

## Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)  
HONGKONG, February 22, 1879.  
Barometre—9 a.m. . . . . 30.080  
Do, 1 p.m. . . . . 30.090  
Do, 4 p.m. . . . . 30.090  
Thermometre—9 a.m. . . . . 69  
Do, 1 p.m. . . . . 70  
Do, 4 p.m. . . . . 70  
Do, (Wet bulb) 9 a.m. . . . . 68  
Do, 1 p.m. . . . . 69  
Do, 4 p.m. . . . . 70  
Do, Maximum day . . . . . 70  
Do, Minimum day night . . . . . 66



Portfolio.

"KITTY HAWK."

A Marine Dialogue.—Poet and Kitty.

POET.

Where the seas, worn out with chasing, at thy

white feet sink embracing, thou still sittest,

coldly facing.

Kitty Hawk!

Facing, gazing seaward over, on each weak or

strong endeavour, but in grief or pity, never,

Kitty Hawk!

Eagles, sea-gulls round thee flying, land birds

spent with speed and dying, even Man to thee

outcrying.

Kitty Hawk!

All thou seest, all thou hearest, yet thou carest

naught nor fearest, flesh nor fowl to thee is

dearest.

Kitty Hawk!

Art thou human? art thou woman? art thou dead

to love, and to man more than all relentless,

ever?

Kitty Hawk!

Hast thou wrongs to right, O Kitty? wrongs that

move the soul to pity? tell me thy mournful

ditto.

Kitty Hawk!

Tell me all! how some false lover, vagrant

shipboy, sailor rover, left, bereft thee, threw

thee over.

Kitty Hawk!

For some Antipodean savage, lo! thy rage the

shore to savage (with a faint idea of salvage).

Kitty Hawk!

How thy vague but tragic story, clothes the sandy

promontory, calls in accents monotony.

Kitty Hawk!

How thy feline appellation, in accipitrine com-

bination, most befits a rhymed narration.

Kitty Hawk!

KITTY.

Festive tramp! around my crying—men with hair

unkempt and flying—growth with neck and head

retroflex.

Like a clam.

Draw within thy soft enclosure, stop this cele-

stial exposure, for that's not the kind of hair-pin

That I am.

Like a clam.

If you're me apostrophizing, with this attitudi-

nizing, prattle, hasten your uprising.

And in time.

On this bench, which is the Station's, leave some

certain indications—"foot-prints" for some

talking brother.

Who might rhyme!

For my name is Jane Maria, and my father,

Kearns, though he greatly might admire,

All your talk.

K. T. Hawk.

As one of the town officials, might prefer that

his initials should appear, just as he writes

them—

—Bret Harte.

LEAVING ENGLAND.

In heaven the moon was broad and bright,

No cloud her gentle bosom heaving,

Shining with all her lovely light,

Upon the land that we were leaving;

As though she would have blest the shore

With every radiant beam she wore.

I watched the cliffs receding white

With shadows deeply darkly wrought,

And looked beyond their towering height

To one beloved spot, and thought,

That if there were a wish, a prayer,

A hope that I had breathed, 'twas there.

I thought of one blest land below

That pointed to that world above,

Of songs remembered long ago—

And eyes that looked a heaven of love;

And in the heart's emotion, say

O could I fear it then away!

I watched the cliffs until they grew

Like a pale streamer at the last;

That from the strand wild wave adieu

When every other sign is past,

And manhood hung to nature here

And smiling struggled for a tear.

I see the brave, the good, the free,

Shrined in thy deep's eternal green,

My soul is waiting with thee

Though ocean roll his waves between;

Adieu, and can I love thee less

Till I am all forgetfulness!

—William Henry Rogers.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

By L. E. BINGHAM.

Christmas bells, ring out your sweetest,

Fill the air with gladome peal;

Joy's light footfall, ever fleetest,

Near our bright homes may steal;

As with charmed carols the lingers,

Hark! to your welcome chime,

Tinkling with her rosy fingers,

All the sombre hues of time.

Ring your loudest; some may listen,

Love, that veiled and silent stands;

In her eyes soft downward glisten,

Joy unlopes her folded hands.

Love and Joy, so oft divided,

For the sweet, brief hours unite;

By your floating echoes guided,

Walk together in the light.

Christmas bells, your notes are ringing

Through our hearts with solemn thrill;

Are there angel voices singing

In the far-off distance still?

In the old, sweet strain repeating,

Ever as the years roll by,

Christmas bells, pour forth your greeting,

Peace on earth and Love on high.

—Graphic.

EXPERIENCE.

The longer we live the more we learn,

And fool, by experience wise men grow.

Not in vain are mistakes if more clear we

discern.

The light from the shade, which their dark

shadows throw.

With sunshine around us, and friends by

our side,

Who smilingly datter and fondly caress—

How little seek we that such angels oft hide

Only butterfly wings 'neath their hypocrisies

dress.

Their disguise, like their friendship, may

last for a season,

Should the sun o'er our fortunes continue

to shine;

But the clouds of adversity mirror to their

treason,

And teaches us lessons we fain would

decline.

Here, then, lies the shadow, but yonder 'tis

brighter.

For when false friends forsake us we

discover the true,

And who has not felt how the burden seems

lighter,

When a friend in our need appears 'neath

the 157.

In life's sunny morning we think not of

torments,

And fear not the pitfalls which lie in our

way,

'Tis only when later, repenting our errors,

We learn the mistakes which beclouded

our day.

If age could renew its fair youth like the

circle,

And start from sweet childhood to live

life again,

Would not we shrink back, though our

birthrights were regal,

If our past life experience we might not

retain.

Yet children we are, till the vale be uplifted

Which conceals from our spirits the mys-

terious unknown,

When worlds, by their Maker, like wheat

shall be sifted,

Then wisdom eternal shall clearly be

shown.

Selkirk. C. M. S.

TWIXT OLD TIMES AND NEW.

Invited to pass a month during the

shooting season in North Germany, I ar-

rived one morning at Junkerstein; my

friend's place, after having been jolted

for nearly eight hours in one of the

most admirable conveyances imaginable,

a springless relic of the once world-famed

Thurn and Taxis posting stage, which might

have competed with any Russian tarantula

or Mexican mail-coach. Passing over the

drawbridge and through an ancient gate,

my position announced our arrival by what

was meant for a merry tune on rather a

hoarse and unmusical post-horn. Flow-

ing over the effect of bringing my friend

and his dog, servants to the fore; and

I soon forgot the martyrdom of the last

hours in a huge, ill-shaped, but most com-

fortable old armchair.

Junkerstein was a quadrangle with five

towers, and dated its existence from the

happy days of Ulrich von Hutten. Void

of architectural beauty, and only calculated

to combine safety and comfort, it was

substantially the practical but simple tastes

of our ancestors. My friend had, however,

managed to make up for external de-

ficiencies by interior decoration; he had

quite a museum of the Middle Ages—a

collection of German, French, and Italian

treasures, which I certainly did not expect

to find in this out-of-the-way corner of the

world. But other surprises awaited me.

Never was a better cook than at Junker-

stein; the cellar was excellent; the service

perfect; the shooting was one of the best

I remember of its kind—an average per

day of some three hundred head of game to

our eight guns.

Amongst the guests was one—a man of

about sixty—who almost monopolized at-

tention; a tall, broad-shouldered man, with

a long grey beard and moustaches. He

was a capital shot, indefatigable on his legs,

the very type of a true Nimrod; moreover,

he was highly amusing at table, full of life,

and in sprightliness and vigour the youngest

of the company. He was Freiherr von

Schreckenberg. He prided himself on

never having travelled by rail and having

never seen a town; he had never touched

a newspaper, never written a letter. And

our host assured me that this was so true

that the Baron utterly ignored tax-gatherers'

notices, and never settled his rates or

taxes until compelled by a military execu-

tion; when, delighted with his guests he

treated them to the best kitchen and cellar

could produce, and paid without murmur-

ing. Attracted by the eccentricities of this

original, I was much pleased when he in-

vented me to spend a few days at the

Schreckenberg. "Plenty of sport and

fresh air, but that's all; and if you come

you'll have to put up with a feather bed

and simple 'Hausmannskost.' I hate new-

fangled ways and fashions; I eat and drink

and sleep as my father and grandfather

and the rest of them did before me. No

French cooking, no sparkling inventions;

one dish, home-made beer, and a glass of

old hock; if that suits you, you are

welcome." Curious to see this haunt of

ancestral simplicity, I accepted the invita-

tion; and, my visit at Junkerstein terminat-

ing, I set out on a Sunday morning for the

Schreckenberg, my host driving me over

in his drag, secretly stored with all sorts

of game and cold viands. "For," said he,

"you have no idea of old Schreckenberg's

menu. He lives as our forefathers did in

the darkest times of cookery, and gives you

combinations one shudders to think of,

such as potatoes stewed with prunes and

raisins, and a slice of smoked bacon; salad

dressed with milk and sugar; and fre-

quently nothing but huge sausages, pre-

ceded by beer soup. But you will judge

for yourself, and then understand why I

always smuggle in some little provisions

for a quiet supper; for, rising at four, they

have breakfast at seven, dinner at twelve;

a basin of milk soup in the evening, and

at nine they are all snoring as one man."

After an hour's drive on a capital road,

we turned off on a most lamentable track.

"We have passed into the Schreckenberg

boundaries," said my conductor, with a

look of pity at his splendid team; "and

this is only the beginning." We spun

through the most lovely scenery—rich

pasture-land at the foot of a chain of well-

wooded hills, abounding with large game.

Soon the Schreckenberg came in sight,

situate on an open plateau encircled by a

narrow rivulet; one large round tower,

flanked at right angles by two four storied

wings—evidently the remnants of a once

imposing square; and on what seemed to

be the foundations of the missing part were

two ranges of low buildings for domestic

purposes, stables, cow-houses, pig-sties,

and the like. The whole was surrounded

by an outer wall in a somewhat ruinous

condition but making for the past im-

penetrability of the old stronghold. Enter-

ing through a dilapidated doorway into

the courtyard, I was at once carried back

hundreds of years. As the count was paved

three centuries ago so it was now—wide

huge round stones, roughly joined. Now

one-third of the space was taken up by a

monster dunghill, patronized by cows,

pigs, and poultry. The Baron received us

on the steps of a winding staircase leading

from the round tower to the inhabited part

of the mansion, and, bidding us welcome,

he shouted with all the might of his pow-

erful lungs, "Hans, where are your ears?

Quick, my lad! Put the white mare into

the cow-house, turn the two sheen into the







Pomfret, White . . . . .	catty	80	70	白鯧	鯧
Pomfret, Black . . . . .	"	70	60	黑鯧	鯧
Prawn, . . . . .	"	85	80	明蝦	蝦
Ray, . . . . .	"	70	60	琵琶	沙
Rock Fish, . . . . .	"	110	100	石狗	公
Roach, . . . . .	"	120	110	鯽魚	魚
Shark young, . . . . .	"	60	50	鯊魚	魚
Salmon, Canton, . . . . .	"	110	100	鮭魚	魚
Salt Fish, . . . . .	"	120	80	鹹魚	魚
Skate, . . . . .	"	70	60	鰻魚	魚
Shrimp, . . . . .	"	55	50	蝦	蝦
Snapper, . . . . .	"	80	70	立魚	魚
Spike Fish, . . . . .	"	60	50	沙撈越	魚
Sole, Fresh . . . . .	"	80	60	鰈魚	魚
Tench, . . . . .	"	110	100	鯪魚	魚
Turbot, . . . . .	"	120	110	左口	魚
Turtles, small, fresh water, . . . . .	"	500	—	鱉	魚
<b>Fruits.</b>				<b>菓子</b>	
Apples, California, . . . . .	catty	160	100	舊金山	山平菓
Bananas, fragrant, . . . . .	"	35	30	香蕉	蕉
common, . . . . .	"	25	20	風厘	蕉
Chestnuts, . . . . .	"	100	80	古風	菓
Citron, . . . . .	"	110	60	香緣	菓
Cocoanuts . . . . .	each	50	45	椰子	提
Curants, . . . . .	bottle	400	350	細蜜	提
Dates, . . . . .	bottle	500	400	無花	菓
Figs, Dried, . . . . .	box	750	—	檳榔	乾
Lemons, China, . . . . .	catty	60	—	荔枝	乾
Lichees, Dried, . . . . .	"	200	180	荔枝	乾
Loong Ngun, Dried, . . . . .	"	400	300	青眼	乾
Olives, green, . . . . .	catty	40	30	青省	乾
Oranges, (Oodle) Canton, . . . . .	"	40	30	柑	乾
Coolie Mandarin, . . . . .	"	40	35	金橘	朱砂
Kam-kwat, . . . . .	"	60	—	省城	柑
Mandarin, Canton, . . . . .	"	100	80	金橘	朱砂
Dark Skinned, . . . . .	"	80	50	四細	柑
Small, . . . . .	"	85	30	新木	柑
Sweet (Sun-weey), . . . . .	"	110	100	瓜	提
Papaw, . . . . .	"	110	100	天瓜	提
Pears, Tientsin, . . . . .	"	160	—	天津	雪梨
Nanking, . . . . .	"	120	110	南京	雪梨
Pine-apples, Singapore, each . . . . .	"	100	80	星架坡	波羅
Plantains, common . . . . .	catty	40	—	大蕉	菓
Prunes, Dried, . . . . .	bottle	300	250	乾梅	菓
Rumelo, Oblong, . . . . .	each	80	50	陽額	柚
Staidins, Muscate, . . . . .	bottle	600	500	珠提	乾
Sugar Cane, . . . . .	stick	20	18	白蔗	菓
Tamarinds, . . . . .	catty	60	50	酸子	桃
Walnuts, . . . . .	"	100	80	核	菓
Water Chestnuts, . . . . .	"	60	50	馬蹄	菓
<b>Vegetables.</b>				<b>菜蔬</b>	
Asparagus, Shanghai, . . . . .	catty	60	50	丫治	竹
" . . . . .	tin	450	400	龍鬚	菜
Bamboo Shoots, . . . . .	"	80	70	竹筍	菜
Beans, sprout, . . . . .	"	20	16	芽菜	豆
broad, Chinese, . . . . .	"	40	30	面豆	邊
French, Macao, . . . . .	"	100	90	澳門	邊
Beet Root, . . . . .	each	20	15	紅白	菜
Brassica, . . . . .	"	15	12	紅菜	頭
Brinjals, . . . . .	catty	70	60	紅茄	菜
Cabbage, (White Canton), . . . . .	"	20	15	召菜	菜
Macao, . . . . .	each	100	40	澳門	椰菜
Turnip (Bohl), . . . . .	"	20	15	芥蘭	頭
" " Nga Ko," . . . . .	catty	25	20	芥蘭	頭
Carrots, (Canton), . . . . .	"	20	—	茨金	筍
English, . . . . .	"	30	25	路金	筍
" . . . . .	"	100	50	香港	菜
Cauliflower, Hongkong each . . . . .	"	20	—	本來	菜
Celery, Chinese, . . . . .	catty	20	—	辣青	菜
Celery, English, . . . . .	"	60	50	青花	菜
Chillies, Dried, . . . . .	"	100	80	紅花	菜
Green, . . . . .	"	50	40	青花	菜
Red, . . . . .	"	50	40	紅花	菜
Curry Stuf, English, . . . . .	"	60	50	矮瓜	菜
Cig Plant, . . . . .	"	80	70	蒜頭	菜
Garlic, old . . . . .	"	80	70	蒜頭	菜
new, . . . . .	"	80	25	蒜頭	菜
" . . . . .	"	55	30	蒜頭	菜
Young . . . . .	"	80	25	蒜頭	菜
Green Peas, young . . . . .	"	40	30	荷蘭	豆
old . . . . .	"	60	50	荷蘭	豆
Green Sprouts . . . . .	"	20	15	芥蘭	菜
Tree Radish, Shanghai, . . . . .	"	160	—	大根	菜
" . . . . .	"	15	12	大根	菜
English, . . . . .	each	10	9	大根	菜
" . . . . .	branch	10	—	大根	菜
Onion, Bombay . . . . .	catt.	180	140	洋蔥	頭
Green . . . . .	"	2	15	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	40	—	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	bunch	10	5	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	catty	25	50	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	30	25	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	12	10	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	50	20	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	each	30	25	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	catty	25	20	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	80	50	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	40	35	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	120	18	洋蔥	頭
" . . . . .	"	110	50	洋蔥	頭
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